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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application
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1. Specification Total Pages 18
2. Drawing(s) (35USC 113) Total Pages 8
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney Total Pages 2
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 - b. Copy from prior application (37CFR 1.63(d))
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 - i. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
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Inventor(s) named in the prior
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The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which
a
copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b,
is considered as being part of the disclosure of the
accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by
reference therein.

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

5. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documentation)
6. Letter under 37 CFR 1.41(c).
7. English Translation Document to follow (if applicable)
8. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS
Citations
9. Preliminary Amendment
10. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
11. Small Entity Statement filed in prior Application,
Statement(s) Status still proper and desired
12. Certified copy of Japanese priority document No.
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RE: New U.S. Application for Letters Patent entitled
"METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE"
Applicant(s) Tomoyuki Hirano, et al.
Attorney Docket No. 09792909-5225

Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.41(c), I am filing the attached application, including 9 claims (2 independent), 8 sheets of drawings (Figs. 1A-10E) and the filing fee of \$740.00 on behalf of

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and request that the application be assigned a serial number and filing date pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) and 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d).

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Drawings (8 sheets - Figs. 1A-10E)

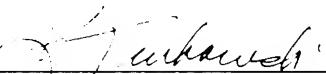
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